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MICROSTRUCTURES AND USE OF THIS METHOD
IN THE PRODUCTION OF SENSOR DEVICES
FOR DETECTING FINGERPRINTS"

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20 In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that a citation and examination of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

25 In the International Search Report of March 1, 2000, U.S. Patent No. 5,286,335; International Publication WO 98/11500; European 0 459 808 A2 and French 2 736 179 were cited in Category A, which is technical background. Copies of these four references are attached herewith.

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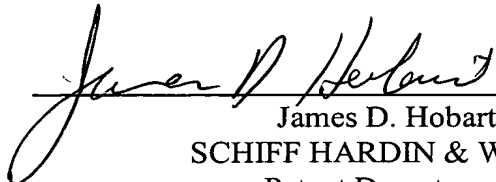
Also attached herewith is a copy of European 0 459 808 B1, which is the granted patent for the European Patent Specification mentioned on page 5 of the translation of the PCT Application.

5 In addition, applicants are attaching herewith a copy of German Reference Nos. 41 23 370 and 195 20 238, which are for technical background. The undersigned attorney does not have a translation of either of these references and does not know of corresponding English-Language documents.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 14-27 are patentable over the teachings of the attached seven references.

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